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Doing Well... Unless You Aren't**FIRST | DATA DIG**

As the job market slowly revives--unemployment was at 8.3% in February--more seasoned workers have the best and worst of it. Jobless rates fall as ages rise, but when people in older cohorts lose a job, it's getting harder to get one back.

SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Employment Law Project, Gallup
NOTE: February 2012 unemployment figure for managers is not seasonally adjusted.

JOBLESSNESS EASES AS AGES INCREASE

	Unemployment in February 2012
AGES 25-34	8.7%
35-44	6.8%
45-54	6.4%
55+	5.9%

THE BOSS IS DOING BETTER...

	Unemployment by job category	
	Managers	Overall
2007	1.8%	4.6%
2011	4.4%	8.9%

FEB. 2012	4.1%	8.3%
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...AS ARE COLLEGE GRADS

Unemployment by education in February 2012	
College graduates	4.2%
Some college	7.3%
High school grads	8.3%

WORKERS 50 OR OLDER FACE TOUGH JOB HUNTS

Unemployed workers out of a job for at least a year	2007	2011
AGES 25-34	9%	29%
35-49	11%	36%
50+	15%	42%

MANY HAVE GIVEN UP...

Willing workers who have stopped job hunting		
AGES 25-34	10%	17%
35-44	8%	18%
45-54	10%	20%
55-64	8%	19%

...AND FEWER ARE OPTIMISTIC

People agreeing it's a good time to get a "quality job"		
	2007	March 2012
AGES 18-29	51%	29%
30-49	51%	19%
50-64	41%	13%

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